

## RELIGIOUS CENSUS OF CITY ORDERED

Will Be Taken Under Auspices of Petersburg Sunday-School.

### NARROW ESCAPE IN RUNAWAY

Venerable Citizen Celebrates His Ninetieth Birthday.

Other News.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, (Telephone 1485), Petersburg, Va., May 27.

At the meeting of superintendents of Sunday schools held yesterday afternoon, at the First Baptist Church, to discuss the question of taking a religious census of the city, all the denominations were represented, and every superintendent but one was present. After a full discussion of the matter it was unanimously decided that the proposed census should be taken, and it was agreed that the work should be done in September. Dr. William F. Fitcher, president, and E. H. Cole acted as secretary. A committee was appointed to formulate a plan for taking the census and to report to a called meeting of the superintendents. This committee consists of representatives of the several denominations, as follows: Dr. William F. Fitcher, F. H. Cole, A. W. Walsh, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., W. M. Rucker, Isham R. Dyer, Hugh H. Smith, R. W. Prichard and E. L. Wilkerson.

Secretary Walsh, in a practical address, outlined a plan of special work for boys during the summer vacation, in which a number of the schools have agreed to cooperate.

**Runaway and Narrow Escape.**  
A young woman of this city, unfortunately escaped injury yesterday afternoon in an exciting runaway. She was out driving in Dinwiddie county. About two miles from the city her car escaped to gather some flowers by the roadside, and while she was so doing the horse became frightened and dashed off. The young woman kept her seat and bravely but vainly strove to check the frightened animal, which

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continued his run at top speed to the city, down through the long course of High Street, and through Market to High Street, where he was stopped and killed. The occupant was not thrown or injured, though frightened. While she was unable to check the animal, she was successful in so guiding him as to prevent collision or accident. She was taken to her home in an automobile by a physician.

**Fireman Injured.**  
Fire about noon today burned the roof off the dwelling house on St. Mark Street, occupied by the family of William Brown, colored, and owned by the Petersburg Real Estate Company. The fire caught on the roof from a spark from some other chimney in the neighborhood, as there had been no fire in the house to-day. The loss is covered by insurance.

While the department was fighting the flames a piece of blazing timber fell and struck Fireman Linwood Shiley, seriously injuring his wrist.

**Cutaneous Result of Accident.**  
Robert Hughes, a skilled machinist of this city, while at work in Richmond, on Thursday last accidentally ran a piece of steel into the middle finger of his right hand. The member was treated, but yesterday morning Mr. Hughes awoke to find his finger changed in color, free of all sense of feeling and dead up to within an inch of the knuckle at the hand as the result of dry gangrene. The line between the live and dead portion of the finger is marked, and the finger will be lost.

**His Ninetieth Birthday.**

Bolling R. Moore, a venerable and highly esteemed citizen, passed his ninetieth birthday anniversary on Saturday, and was the recipient of many congratulations. Mr. Moore was for over three-score years an active business man in the community.

**Saturday Evening Marriage.**  
Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the Rev. F. W. Moore, the officiating minister, Miss Jessie Lee Johnson, of Greenville county, were united in wedlock in the presence of friends of both parties. They subsequently left for their home in Greenville.

**Negotiations for City Point Property.**  
It is reported that negotiations have been in progress for some time for a large tract of land near City Point for a site for a manufacturing plant. The rumor is that the Dupont Powder Company is looking for a site to establish a branch plant for the manufacture of powder and dynamite, but that no definite arrangement has yet been made. No definite information is obtainable as to the proposed plan.

**College Finals.**  
The finals of the Southern Female College in this city are in progress. The senior recital and art exhibition were held to-night, and the final concert, play and award of diplomas will take place to-morrow night. The occasion is always one of great social interest. Miss Margaret Beall Williams, of Maryland, is the only full graduate this year, but there are a number of graduates in schools.

## AMUSEMENTS

**Delicate and Charming Play.**

With those of us who follow things theatrical feel a certain sense of pride in the fact that Edward Peple, who wrote "The Prince Chap," this week's offering of the Lucille LaVerne Company, at the Academy of Music, is a Richmond man, his play needs no pride or sentiment to assist it, nor needed it. On its own merits, it stands as one of the most delicate and charming plays of the decade.

Without a false or jarring note, without an ugly situation, without a line of the suggestive, its comedy lies in its clean, every-day humor, its appeal is through the purest and most unselfish of all relations—the tenderness of a grown man toward a little child, and its climax is wrought by the development of the affection of a man and a child into the love of a man and a maid.

The play is not new: Cyril Scott was the author of his own farce, told to the little girl when we saw it a few years ago, but its story is so simple that it may be recalled very briefly. A young bachelor is charged with the care of a little five-year-old girl by her dying mother, he takes her into his studio-apartment, and, with the assistance of a faithful servant, brings her to girlhood. His own sweetheart jilts him for a wealthy man when the child is still a child, and he devoted himself entirely to caring for her.

Neither knows that both have learned to care as man and girl until a proposal of marriage from one of his friends opens the girl's eyes, and she blushing and modestly, uncloses his. But the more story can give no idea of the distinctness, the sweetness, the prettiness—in the prettiness of the word—of the play. It is the sort that everybody, grown-ups and children, will find appealing—except those who care only for musical comedy, and Mr. Peple did not write for them.

La Verne assumed the comedy role of a "slavey" made up in the hideous fashion, and drew roars of laughter by her clever work—again, a woman without vanity and very much of a character actress.

Hal Castle played the title role with his usual pallid face and carefully mannequined bang and curl, but he knew his part of many pages and, apparently, played very earnestly and conscientiously—it is not fair to compare him with Cyril Scott.

Miss Parkie Patton, apparently only of eighteen, was simply a natural and very attractive young girl—an excellent performance.

But the star among the adults was

Howard Teachout, who, in the role of Rulon, the servant, gave a quiet, restrained and sustained characterization of an Englishman that was most admirable—altogether the best performance that any one of the men of this company has yet offered.

J. Cleane Mathews played his bit of the Earl of Huntingdon easily and pleasingly.

And there was a great, glittering constellation named Frederick Kaasen, aged probably four, who played the little girl in the farce, and who practically "stole the show," while he was on the stage and even when only the memory of him remained.

Not exactly an actor—just the most adorable little tot of a boy that ever toddled on the stage—and yet an actor of sorts, too, for when he forgot his lines, he did not turn his cheeks a little red toward the prompt side, but patiently yet alertly stood and waited for somebody to "hand" him his first two or three words, and then took up his speech without a flicker of anxiety or embarrassment.

Little Lena Sidney Cluipenper, though a bit large for the child she represented, displayed a stage presence rare in a child and read her lines with intelligence.

The performance went smoothly and evenly, while the stage management offered only one laugh at itself, which is mentioned "just for fun"—after a lapse of three years, during which prosperity permitted the substitution of electric lights for candles, the curtain ran up, disclosing the same rough charcoal sketch that had adorned the working easel when it ran down three years before.

W. DOUGLAS GORDON.

**Colonial's Great Show.**

The offering at The Colonial this week is all that the management claims for it, beginning with a first-rate picture show of the wild and woolly West, always dear to the hearts of theatregoers, and ending with the liveliest kind of a dance, in which two clever men and seven good-looking girls take part. Then a complete musical team, kept the audience in a roar, while Lynden and Dorman, billed as "The English Boy and the American Girl," did a talk, interspersed with songs that fairly delighted the house. Miss Lynden appeared in the last part of the act in an up-to-date Atlantic City bathing suit, which is "some suit." Miss Campbell and Mr. Yates did a clever skit entitled "Two Hundred Miles from Broadway," while "Kid" Canfield had every one sitting up by his exposure of gambling tricks, including machines, cards and dice. The "Kidd's" act is highly a moral, showing, and might be termed "a sermon in vaudeville." The headlines at The Colonial are: Tom Linton and his Juniors, Girls presenting a musical song and dance skit entitled, "The Up-to-Date Missionary," and if the missionary does not look good enough to eat, at least the seven girls in the company appear very appetizing, and the combination pulls off a first-rate act. In all, the Colonial bill is fully up to requirements, and the audience which packed the house at every performance yesterday appeared to be more than satisfied.

**Photographic Features at Bijou.**

More of the beautiful and wonderful invention, the Kinemacolor process of colored motion pictures opened a new bill at the Bijou to run till Wednesday night, the most successful of which yesterday were "Peasant Life in Asia Minor" and "Winter Sports in Canada." The former showing a farmer of the Far East in his plowing, reaping and binding, with all the beautiful colors of the shining sun on the waving fields of grain. The latter, the most successful of the season, showing a man in a plowing, reaping and binding, with all the beautiful colors of the shining sun on the waving fields of grain. The latter, the most successful of the season, showing a man in a plowing, reaping and binding, with all the beautiful colors of the shining sun on the waving fields of grain.

**Good Bill at Empire.**

All the acts at the Empire this week are billed for a good laugh, and the whole show is going to be the funniest and certainly the most novel feature of the program is "Bob, the Boxer Kangaroo," who in a real sporting match will take on a champion, and the ice-coated streams. There is sleighing, tobogganing, skating and ski-jumping, the latter a dangerous sport, adding many possibilities of the terrific falls endured by many of the contestants.

In the black and white picture section, that devoted to the new motion picture story, is the "Nihilist Conspiracy," a story of Russian intrigue powerfully enacted and of exceptional photographic performance.

**Lights for Suburb Problem.**

Although favorably inclined toward the proposition of the Woodland Heights people substituting electric lights for a police officer, the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield yesterday at the monthly meeting at Chesterfield Courthouse declined to take any definite action, but will further consider the matter at a called meeting to be held June 2.

The Woodland Heights Citizens' League, represented by Messrs. A. A. Adkins, J. E. Trevillian, submitted a report, prepared by orders of the league, showing that the Virginia Electric and Power Company is willing to install ten lights, at an annual cost of \$60 each, they explained to the board that there was an order of the community, which has during the past year increased more than \$60,000 in assessable values, and would be benefited more by lights than by having a regular officer in their midst.

**In the Police Court.**

A large but unimportant docket was handled yesterday morning by Justice J. A. Maurice in the Police Court, Part 2, in record time. The court was convened at the Third Police Station, where he was charged with being drunk and disorderly and with resisting arrest. He was held without bail for appearance before Justice Maurice this morning.

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# Many People

still believe, no doubt, that "competition is the life of trade," and therefore, of course, competition must be a good thing in any line of business. Now the trouble with all those people who accept that ancient half-truth as being wholly true is simply that they make the commonest mistake in the world—the mistake of forming general conclusions from insufficient data.

There are at least several lines of perfectly legitimate, wholesome and worthy endeavor in this complex modern world, into the workings of which most people, quite naturally, have not made any special study; about which, indeed, they do not know enough to speak with authority. And it is entirely conceivable that in some lines of business competition means the death of trade.

IN THE ELECTRIC LIGHTING BUSINESS COMPETITION IS AN ECONOMIC CRIME AGAINST THE PUBLIC, because the public always has to pay for the duplication of plant and also for the less economical methods of production and distribution which competition inevitably brings.

The electric lighting business differs radically from all ordinary manufacturing or merchandising enterprises. The electric lighting company does not sell commodities. It cannot pull up stakes (as the merchant or manufacturer can) and move to some other place. The electric lighting company performs a PUBLIC SERVICE by providing a Public Utility (electric light and power) in just the same way as in Richmond the City Water Works provides a Public Utility in water and the City Gas Works provides another Public Utility in gas. And in just the same way as these City Plants, the electric lighting company can get its SERVICE to the people only by means of a distribution system which must occupy in part at least the public domain.

Every well-informed, candid student of this subject knows that each of these Public Utilities is in its very nature a monopoly—or must be to succeed. Each requires a fair field and no opposition, if the public is to get the best possible service. Two lines of wire on a street, two parallel systems of water mains, two lines of gas pipe in the ground, are just as irrational as two roofs over YOUR house would be.

Furthermore, it is an incontrovertible fact that any company that may be projected to compete with a well-developed and well-conducted public utility concern giving good service at reasonable rates IS NOT FORMED IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC, BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING ULTIMATELY SOLD OUT AT AN EXORBITANT PRICE. This cost price must go into the capitalization of the purchasing company, on which the public must help to pay dividends. There is no other way out. THE PUBLIC ALWAYS PAYS AN EXORBITANT PRICE FOR SUCH COMPETITION, AND ITS EXPLOITER GETS THE MONEY.

We shall have more to tell you about this in to-morrow's paper.

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## News of South Richmond

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With impressive Masonic ceremonies, conducted by Manchester Lodge No. 24, A. F. and A. M., the cornerstone of the Decatur Street Methodist Church was laid yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Before lowering the stone into position a sealed box was placed in the cavity. Among the contents of the box were the names of the presiding elder, the pastor of the church, the rolls of the church, Sunday-school, Manchester Lodge Masons, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 44, a history of the lodge, written by Ben P. Owen, current papers, several coins and pictures of the city.

The ceremonies opened with prayer by the Rev. H. C. Pfeiffer, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, and closed with the benediction by the Rev. G. T. Forrester, pastor of the church. The principal address was delivered by Governor Mann. Several hundred people were in attendance.

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ments. The probable cost will be \$24,000. Every county road will be safeguarded.

**Funeral of Mr. Bredrup.**

The funeral of Conrad P. Bredrup, who died yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. V. Baldwin, of 1209 Porter Street, will be held this morning. The services will be conducted at the grave in Maury Cemetery at 10:30 o'clock by the Rev. H. C. Pfeiffer, pastor of the Central Methodist Church.

Mr. Bredrup was in his seventy-sixth year and had been in ill health for some time. He is survived by five daughters and one son. He was a member of Stuart Lodge, No. 141, I. O. O. F., from which, at his request, the pall-bearers will be selected.

**Death of Mrs. Pankey.**

Mrs. S. C. Pankey, sixty-seven years old, died yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, after a lingering illness. She leaves two grandchildren, Mrs. E. W. Blanton and Raymond Hall.

The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Cowardin Avenue Christian Church, of which she was a member. The funeral services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. W. Long.

The burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

**Census to Be Taken.**

The volunteers workers who will endeavor to take a complete census of South Richmond to-day will meet at the Meade Memorial Episcopal Church at 2:45 o'clock. The start will be made at 3 o'clock, and it is hoped that it will be completed in an hour. The object is to ascertain the religious census of the city.

**Personal Mention.**

Rev. Henry G. Lane, of South Boston, spent yesterday as the guest of the Rev. F. Ernest Warren, on route to the Diocesan Council of Southern Virginia, which convenes for the annual meeting this morning at Petersburg. Messrs. Warren and Lane will leave this morning for Petersburg.

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Mrs. J. T. Meynold, of West Ninth Street, is seriously ill at her home.

Mrs. F. Ernest Warren left yesterday for Washington, where she will be the guest of relatives.

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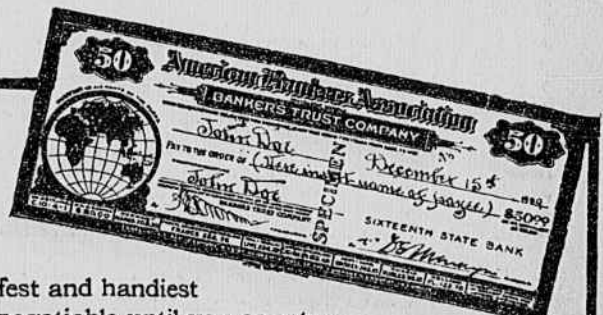
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